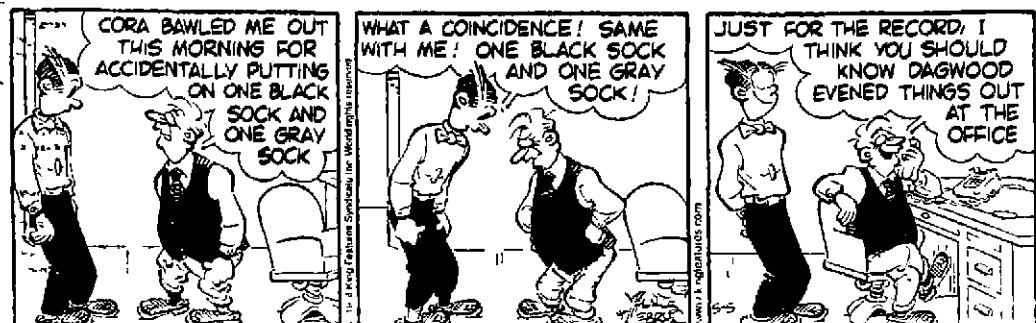
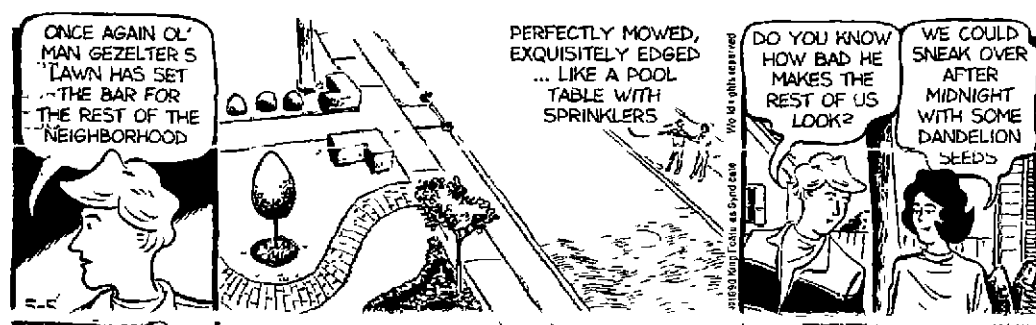


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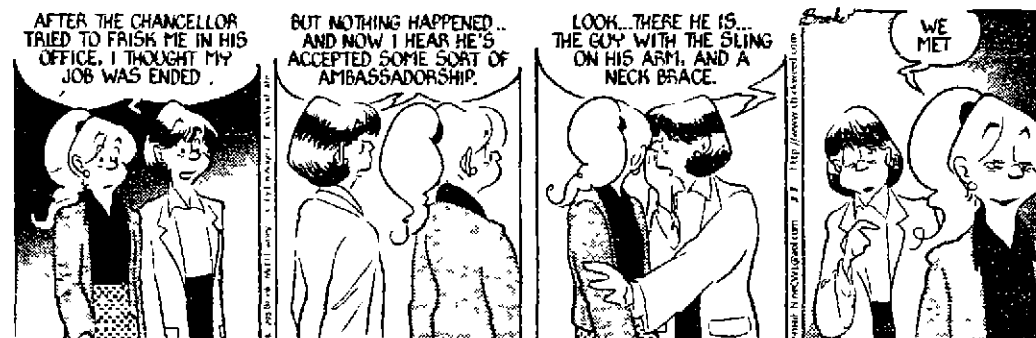
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



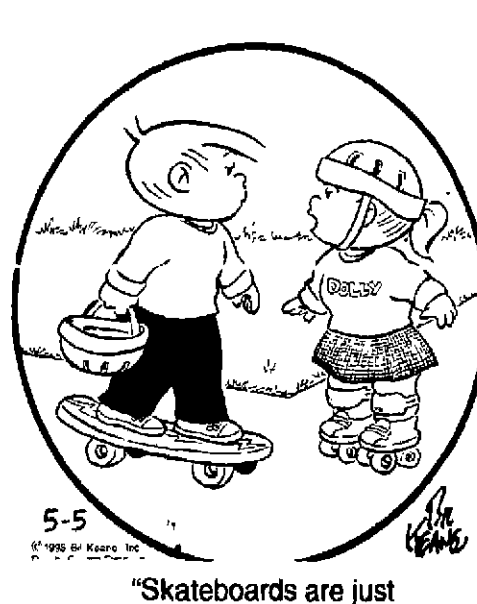
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Ann B. Davis is 72. Actress Pat Carroll is 71. Country singer-musician Roni Stone-man is 60. Actor Michael Murphy is 59. Actor Lance Henriksen ("Millennium") is 58. Comedian-actor Michael Palin is 55. Actor Jean-Pierre Leaud is 54. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 54. Actor Richard E. Grant is 41. Rock singer Ian McCulloch (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 39. Actress Tina Yothers is 25. Actress Danielle Fishel is 18.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 65-75 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word. Using scoring directions at right. Letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5-9-98 © 1998 Judd Features Syndicate, Inc.

RACK 1: A, E, L, S, P, M, L

RACK 2: A, A, A, I, M, M, S

RACK 3: C, S, O, M, U, H, O

RACK 4: T, S, A, E, B, T, L

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Remember the Alamo

EVTSAXETOOLIGDB
YWTRIPMGKHMIFDB
YWBUSVQOEMAKAIF
DBZOXGARRISONWU
SQONWDORLJSHNFD
CAYWOINOTNANASO
VTSBSLEPAHCQAPC
NLEMKJHFFERCTBI
ZTTEKCORCYEWNVX
USRQYRELLITRAPE
NMLJTIHFNOISSIM

Monday's unlisted clue: HOOD

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: DAVY

Adobe Fort Mexico Siege
Artillery Garrison Mission Texas
Bowie Heroism San Antonio Travis
Chapel Massacre Santa Anna

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, May 5, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Looking backward isn't in your best interest. Instead, embrace plans for the future.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're trying mightily to keep everyone focused on the work at hand. However, one co-worker just isn't in a serious mood.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone's dithering has you in a foul mood. While he or she excels at semantics, you're not in the mood for it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're a veritable house on fire on the job and get much done. However, that doesn't mean you can goof off later in the week.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Yelling at a disobedient child gets you nowhere. Your best approach is to be calm and make a real effort to listen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're grateful for a friend's kind remarks later in the day, a minor household repair needs your attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A fresh start is just what you needed, and you have that opportunity. Be sure to embrace it fully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Openness and honesty are best when dealing with a friend. Your friend really needs to hear the truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A phone call brings a new opportunity for added income. Later in the day, a chat with a friend leads to a fun social outing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) There's a fly in the ointment, and you can identify it. Tattling to a bigwig isn't a wise idea, however.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Take a humble approach when bigwigs pay you on the back.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A spur-of-the-moment outing bolsters romance. Be sure you don't let your work slide.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"Give this hand to 10 players, and I'm betting nine will play as I did," challenges today's South. You might win your bet, replied North, "but that's just a technicality. Nine wrong players do not measure up to one right one."

West cashed his diamond king and continued with his ace, despite East's play of a discouraging deuce. (A heart shift would have been better.) South ruffed, drew trumps, and tied a low heart to dummy's king. East took his ace and returned a heart, and the game fell out of reach. When West won the club finesse, the defense took another heart for one down. Given West's opening bid, it was not unreasonable to place him with the heart ace. However, there was no reason to risk the game for an overtrick. After West had played the two top diamonds, only two missing high cards were of import: the club king and the heart ace. And because East raised to two diamonds, he was most likely to have one of them, but not both. If East had the club king, South could finesse, lose only one heart and score an overtrick. However, if East had the heart ace, South would lose his game. To ensure game wherever these key cards were, South should lead a low club to dummy's jack after drawing trumps. If the jack loses to a possible king in East's hand, then South would have only one heart loser. In today's layout, West must take his club king or lose it, and South enjoys two heart discards from dummy on his ace and queen of clubs.

NORTH ♠ 9 8 7 5 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ Q 5
♣ J 6

WEST ♠ 4
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A K J 10 4
♣ K 10 9 8

EAST ♠ 10 6
♥ A J 10
♦ 9 8 7 6 2
♣ 8 4 2

SOUTH ♠ A K Q J 3
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 3
♣ A 7 5

100-point Pot West Dealer: West

The bidding
West North East South
1♦ Pass 2♦ 2▲
Pass 3▲ Pass 4▲
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0324

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hemmed, but didn't have
- 6 Israel's Dayan
- 11 Tout's offering
- 14 Tickle pink
- 15 Expressed joy
- 16 The self-proclaimed "Greatest"
- 17 Trifling amount
- 19 Singer Zadora
- 20 10% cuts
- 21 — fields (mythological underworld)
- 22 Spot for a Band-Aid
- 26 Take apart
- 27 School zone sign
- 31 Pirate's potable
- 32 Korean soldier
- 34 New Zealander
- 35 Black cat, maybe
- 37 Stallion role
- 41 Dorothy followed it
- 44 Seaweed-wrapped fare
- 45 Rights org
- 46 Agnew's plea, for short
- 47 New Haven collegian
- 49 Racket or racket add-on
- 50 Breslau's river
- 51 Scold, with "out"
- 54 Scottish "sighting"
- 57 Cracker shapes
- 59 Bring to light
- 64 Ancient lang
- 65 "Coal Miner's Daughter" actress
- 68 Order to attack, with "on"
- 69 Cynic's look
- 70 "Dallas" matnarch
- 71 Volcanic spew
- 72 They're pitched at jamborees
- 73 Is cockeyed

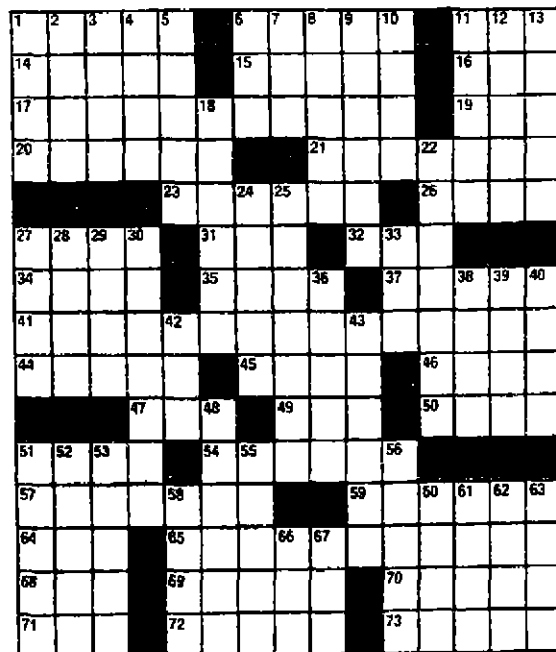
DOWN

- 1 The Amish, e.g.
- 2 K-12, scholastically speaking
- 3 Restaurant annoyance
- 4 Produce art on copper, e.g.
- 5 Rink fakeouts
- 6 Presidents' Day, e.g. Abbr.
- 7 Punch-in-the-stomach reaction
- 8 Followers
- 9 Ward (local politico)
- 10 Water whirled
- 11 Gimme on the green
- 12 Trojan War epic
- 13 "Eighty-eight"
- 16 Third-party account
- 22 Indonesia's first president
- 24 Cuban dance
- 25 Slaps a fine on
- 27 "The — the limit"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

RAGED RAID VIAL
AROMA ONCE INRE
FILIBUSTER OTIS
TSAR RYE PLEAS
SENSES OSCAR
LACKLUSTER
ACRES AIDE ISIS
FLEX ACTED OTTO
TONI RATES ANSEL
PASSMASTER
STAYS YIELDS

AMEN CROPDUSTER
ZINC HERE REHAB
ESTE EDEN ENERO



Puzzle by Fred Placop

- 28 Place
- 29 Temple
- 30 Knuckleballer
- 31 Sitcom planet
- 32 Frasier's TV brother
- 33 General feeling
- 34 Hoedown seal
- 35 Wavy lines, in
- 36 Fix a squeak
- 37 Radioactivity units
- 38 Kind of skates
- 39 Glider wood
- 40 Distant Nin
- 41 Broom Hilda
- 42 Krupp works city
- 43 Boot out
- 44 Helper Abbr
- 45 Robust
- 46 Pac 10 sch
- 47 "Deal —"
- 48 — out (manages)
- 49 Ready
- 50 Jr. and sr

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